MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTRY-LINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

PLEASANT GROVE MEETING HOUSE,

CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.,

August 16th, 17th, and 18th days, 1845.

MILTON, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, 16th.—The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Arthur W. Eaus, from the Pig River Association, from Romans, 6th chap. 22 v. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

2. The Association then convened, and after praise and prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

3. The Letters from the several Churches were read, and their standing minuted in the table below. The names of Ordained Preachers in SMALL CAPITALS, Licentiates in *italics*—absentees marked thus :*

Churches.	Messengers.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Number.		C.
Flat River,	Ebenezar Murrow, Elijah O'Briant, *John Yarbrough,*	11	2	1	2	1	12	125	2	
Story's Creek,	Sol. T. Clayton Asa Brooks, *Major Green,*		2		2			41	1	50
Mount Zion	WILLIAM BURNS, Wm. A Wilkins, *John Elliot,*				1		2	64	1	
Tar River,	Daniel Dean, William Gordon, Hiram Brinkley,	1				2		35	1	
Camp Creek,	Mark B. Roberts, J. P. Parker, *Wm. Roberts,*	2				2	2	32	1	
Mount Lebanon,	George T. Coggin, Thomas Latta, *Andrew N. Hall,**	3	4					24	1	
Ebenezar,	E. Jacobs, Nathaniel Torian, *Hiram Lockard,*	6	5	1	1		4	91	1	50
Upper South Hyco,	Nicholas Hester, Hastin Blalack, *Samuel A. Horton,*	10	3		9	1	7	121	1	50
Mill,	John Durham, Thomas Richardson, Isaac Stephens,	13				1		52		50
Lynch's Creek,	RICHARD HENSLEY, WILLIS WELLS, *John H. Fuller,*		4	1	2	1		74	1	50
Harmony,	James Workman, *Zadock Rice,* Frederic Wiatt,				2	1	3	14		49
Deep Creek,	John Wiatt, *Stephen Benson,** John Buckner,		3		1		1	28	1	
Big Meadows,	John Bayliff,* *Jesse Johnson,** JOHN STADLER,					1		14		50

Arbor,	John Boswell *Wm. Florance,* Robert Maddin,	12	1		4	3	4	124	2	
Country Line,	*Benjamin Willis,* Goodwin Evans, John Brooks,	4			3	3	3	67	1	
Gillum's	Lemuel Simpson, *Benjamin Mourton,*	6					2	44	1	
Pleasant Grove,	Lewis Barton, *James Walker,* Larkin Simithy, Johnson Adkerson,	3		4	1	1	2	32	1	1
Moon's Creek,	Archibald Ingram, *Thomas Travis,**				1	1		35		50
Lickfork,	Richard Jones, Josiah Womack, *William I. Gilliam,*	6	1		2	1	3	100	2	
Wolf Island,	Robert Shreeves, A. P. Robertson, *Sam'l H. Walker,*	2	1		2	2	2	48	1	25
Eno,	Thomas Hall, Simpson Latta, Ezekiel Hailey,	1			5		4	165	1	65
		80	26	7	38	21	51	1330	24	65

4. Elders John Stadler, chosen Moderator, & Jas. Wilder, Clerk & Treasurer.

5. Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations invited to seats: whereupon Elders Josiah Smith from White Oak; Henry Fintch and Hesekiah Smith, from Stanton River; Arthur W. Eans from Pig River; Joseph H. Eans, A. G. Moton, G. W. McNealy, Henry Tatum, Wm. Fuel and Robert W. Hill, from Mayho; Abel Watkins from Abott's Creek Union; Elder P. Pucket, from Contentna—all produced testimonials of their appointments and took their seats.—Ministering brethren of our order invited to seats, whereupon Elder N. Norwood took his seat.

6. Chose to preach on to-morrow, Lord's day, Elders Pucket, A. W. Eans and Henry Fintch—worship to commence at 10 o'clock, also Elders Tatum, McNealy and Smith, to preach on Monday.

7. Agreed that Elders Puckett, A. W. Eans, and Smith, with the Moderator and Clark be appointed a select Committee to prepare the business for Monday.

8 Agreed that B. Florance, and Goodwin Evans, be appointed a Committee of finance.

9 Agreed that we adjourn until Monday 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

10 *Sunday morning, 17th, 10 o'clock:* Met a large congregation, who were entertained by the following brethren: Elder Pucket opened the service of the day from the 23d Chapter 3 verse of Job. "O that I knew where I might find him that I might come even to his seat." Elder Eans followed him, from the 5th Chapter and 11th verses of the 1st Epis. of John. "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his son. He that hath the son hath life, and he that hath not the son of God hath not life." Elder Fintch followed from the 25th Chapter of the Gospel recorded by St. Matthew and 46th and last verse. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."

We trust the labours of the day will be owned by the great head of the Church.

11 *Monday morning, 18th, 9 oclock:* Met according to adjournment, prayer by the Moderator, Messengers names called, rules of Decorum read, and proceeded to business.

12 The Committee of arrangements made their report and were discharged.

13 Brethren appointed to attend sister Associations last year generally attend and those that did not were excused.

14 Elder Stadler and Stephen I Chandler attended a section meeting at Mount

Lebanon. Elders Stadler and Burns attended a section Meetion at Mill Meeting house at the times proposed.

15 The amount of funds remaining in the hands of our former Treasurer last Association, were paid over by Bro. Torian in full to the present Treasurer, which sum amounted to - - - - $2 97½

16 The Committee of finance reported that they received from the Churches of this Association the sum of - - 24 65¼

whole amount in hand - - - - $27 63¼

Clerks services $10

Paid for Printing these Minutes, - - - $15 50—$25 50—25 50

Ballance in hand - - - $2 13¼

17 Agreed that we appoint Elder Stadler, brethren Jones, Roberson, Maddin & Weatherford to Pig River Association. Elders Shreeves, Wells & brethren Rice and Walker to the Mayho. Elder James D. Chandler, brethren John Wiatt & Moton to the Abbots Creek Union. Elders Hensley, Wells, Wilder and brethren Parker and Hall, to Little River, and the same to Contentna. Elder Stadler, Wilder and bro. Fuller, Kehukee. Elder Burns, Hall, Davenport to Seat, and bro. James Ferrell, to White Oak. Elder S. I. Chandler, bro. Jones, Maddin, Weatherford and Murrow, to Stanton River.

18 Agreed that we appoint Elders Burns, Stadler, Hensley and Stephen I. Chandler, a Presbytery to attend to the request from Mount Lebanon, on the Saturday before the 5th Lords day in March, to inquire into the call and qualification of brethren Coggin and Hall, and if found orthodox, to set them apart to the Ministry.

19. Agreed, that Elders S. I. Chandler, Burns and Wells attend a Section Meeting at Gilliams' Meeting House, Orange County, on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in June next ; also, Elders S. I. Chandler, Stadler and Shreeves, to attend a section meeting at Lynch's Creek meeting house, on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in April next.

20. Agreed, that we have 600 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed.

21. Agreed, that our next Association be held with Story's Creek Church, in Person County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in August next, and Elder John Stadler preach the Introductory sermon, and James Wilder his alternate ; worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

22. After admonition by brother Stadler, adjourned to time and place.

23. It will be remembered that Flat River church, Story's Creek, Mount Zion, Tar River, Camp Creek, Mount Lebanon, and Eno, belong to the lower section. Ebenezer, Upper South Hyco, Mill, Lynch's Creek, Deep Creek, Big Meadows, to Middle section. Arbor, Country-line, Gilliam's Pleasant Grove, Moon's Creek, Hickfork, Wolf Island, to Upper section.

JOHN STADLER, *Mod.*

Ja's Wilder, *Clerk.*